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In re application of: )  
JOFUKU et al. ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 08/879,827 ) Art Unit: 1803  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status to be made of record in the above-identified application.

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